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Reducing Fractures

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231 Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

## In the Claims

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please cancel claims 9-16, which were submitted in a preliminary amendment dated 26 September 2000.

Please insert the following new claims.

17. A method for reducing the risk of non-vertebral bone fracture in a human subject at risk of or having osteoporosis, comprising administering to said subject a parathyroid hormone, without concurrent administration of an antiresorptive agent other than vitamin D or calcium, in a daily dose-of 20 ug to 40 ug.

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